as the distance between New Delhi and Nagpur is too much for a Shatabdi type train which are primarily intercity trains having sitting accommodation only. Besides, the extension is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Stoppage of trains at Habibganj

† 297. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation to provide stoppage of Jhelum, A.P., G.T., Pushpak, Karnataka, Kerala, Mangala, Chennai-Jaipur and Rajkot-Jabalpur express trains at Habibganj Station;

(b) if so, whether passengers have to face a lot of difficulties while boarding or alighting from the trains due to non-stoppage at Habibganj; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes., Sir.

(b) and (c) 2967/2968 Jaipur-Chennai Express (tri weekly) is already stopping at Habibganj. For the convenience of Habibganj passengers; stoppage of 1077/ 1078 Pune-Jammu Tawi Jhelum Express and 1463/1464 Rajkot-Jabalpur Express (4 days a week) at Habibganj station has been provided *w.e.f.* 1.9.2001.

Stoppage of other trains at Habibganj has not been found feasible at present.

Remodeling of Band ra Station

298. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned for remodelling of Bandra Railway Station in Mumbai;

(b) what is the estimated cost for the above remodelling and what are the facilities to be provided;

(c) whether some portion is to be sold to private offices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Recruitment of Scientists by CSIR

299. SHRI A. VUAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy for recruitment of Scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is under consideration/implementation by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the reservation, if any, for the reserved categories?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHARJOSHI):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The new Recruitment Rules have already been notified on 11.12.2001. These rules are effective in the matters of assessment promotions from 01.01.2001; and for the purpose of recruitment, from 01.4.2002. Government of India Rules/orders regarding reservation of posts, issued from time to time are applicable to appointments in CSIR.

Science and Technology Policy

300. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to formulate new Science and Technology Policy for the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a draft of such a policy has already been formulated and is awaiting vetting by experts;

(c) whether views have been obtained from cross sections of society, to secure full support from roe public; and

(d) if so, what are the main suggestions which came from the public and others?